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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Congressional Briefing

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On 4 August I, along with [redacted] of ORPA/EAP, briefed a delegation from the House of Representatives that is traveling to Vietnam later this year to meet with Vietnamese leaders. The members present at the briefing were Congressman Montgomery (Mississippi), Chairman, and Congressmen Daniel (Virginia), Pryor (North Carolina), Hall (Texas) and Broyhill (North Carolina). Also present were several of Rep. Montgomery's staff and CIA officers from the Office of Legislative Counsel and the Congressional Support Staff.

After a short repast of juice, coffee, rolls, and fresh blueberries and strawberries and cream, I described the evolution of Vietnam's economy since Hanoi's defeat of South Vietnam in April 1975; the social and economic changes taking place in the south; problems of food production shortfalls; trade and aid; and the economic fallout from the harassment and exodus of many skilled overseas Chinese and from Vietnam's quarrel with China.

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